GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Indians Kidnapped in Foreign Countries
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Indians including NRIs are being kidnapped by various groups in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the country-wise details thereof during the last three years;

(c) the number of persons released during the last three years; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to ensure the safety of Indians living/working in foreign countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI M. J. AKBAR)

(a) to (c) As per the information available with the Ministry, 78 Indian nationals were kidnapped in the last three years in foreign countries. 33 of them have been released till date. A list showing country-wise details is attached at Annexure.

(d) The safety and security of Indian nationals in foreign countries is a matter of foremost concern for the Government of India. The Government keeps a close watch on the situation in strife-torn countries, issues advisories wherever required and engages the local authorities regularly to prevent incidents of kidnapping, while simultaneously making every effort to secure the release of those in captivity.